GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT OF BIO- PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding the samples of the bio-products, which are being exported, have not been approved by foreign laboratories even though these products are found as per the Indian standard as reported in `Dainik Bhaskar` dated January 22, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the details of the bio-products exported in the last three months and the number of laboratories in which these samples were found to be rejected, country-wise;

(d) whether reputation of the country is being maligned; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) An EC Alert Notification about presence of residues of DDT in Organic Sesame seed exported by M/s Rajena Exports, Gujarat and certified by SKal International (Netherlands) was received by Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) on 9.2.07. Since the Indian office of SKal had carried out the inspection, APEDA is investigating the report.

(c) The information is being collected.

(d) & (e) The organic products exported from India are certified by accredited certification agencies to ensure the reputation of India as reliable exporter of organic products.